

Cheyenne and Arapaho Governor and Lt. Governor Swear in a brighter future for tribes

By Rebecka Lyman Reporter, Ad Sales

The newly elected Governor, Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton and Lt. Governor, Cornell Sankey are officially sworn into office, along with four new Cheyenne and Arapaho legislators, Alan Fletcher, Cheyenne District 2, Christine Morton, Arapaho District 2, Edward Mosqueda, Arapaho District 1, and Kyle Orange, Cheyenne District 4.

The inauguration ceremony marked the commencement of the first four-year term of Gov. Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Sankey.

On Jan. 4, 2014 over 250 attendees gathered at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla., to witness the historic event. Supreme Court Justice, Daniel Webber administered the oath of office to Hamilton, Sankey and the legislators.

Wearing sunglasses to protect his eyes due to an eye infection, Gov. Hamilton jokingly said in his opening speech he was also wearing glasses because the future of the tribes was looking bright.

“I would like to thank my family and all of you who voted, prayed and supported me throughout the election. It is a great honor to be in a position to lead our people, the great Cheyenne and Arapaho Nation,” Hamilton said. “It is all about the future and I promise I will do my best and I do not want to disappoint our tribal members ... we are going to make a brighter future and we are going to make you proud.”

The people encouraged Hamilton with an applause and “lulu’s” that could be heard beyond the walls of the community center.

Lt. Gov. Sankey thanked everyone for their support and for their votes, as well as thanking his running mate, for sticking through the election together.

“I have always wanted to be a tribal leader for the Cheyenne and Arapaho people ever since I was a young child; this is an honor and privilege for me, thank you again. My grandmother always spoke very highly of our tribal leaders back when I was growing up. Back then our leaders were voted in by the people and they were not paid, they were in a leadership position only in the best interest of tribal members. We need to be more organic as a tribe in the way that we look at opportunities that are out there, instead of having the mindset of bureaucracy, we need to look past that mindset and be more progressive. Just look at new avenues and new life,” Sankey said. “My motivation is doing the right thing. It moves me when a leader does something that is a sacrifice to his self. Sacrifice is an important thing that a leader must have and it is something that I will bring to the table.”

Hamilton said that he believes that the new leadership and legislature have the same out look.

“What sparked my interest of running for governor for the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes was from my family and learning from my grandfather, Woodrow Wilson and my uncles Eddie and Robert Wilson. They have always been involved with politics and wanting to do the best they could to take care of our people,” Hamilton said. “Also seeing how



On Jan. 4, 2014, Supreme Court Justice, Daniel Webber swears in the newly elected Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Governor, Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton during an inauguration ceremony at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

our people have been treated in the past with the old business committee and other administrations, I really wanted to be in a position to really help our people. We all don’t want to disappoint our tribal members, especially those who have supported us and prayed for us through out this whole campaign and election. I believe in who we are as Cheyenne and Arapaho people, through our customs and traditions. I want to bring back our pride. I think that we have kind of lost focus because of greed and jealousy; we forgot how we should be treating one another. I think knowing who we are as Cheyenne and Arapaho and getting to understand our past and what we are about and how we should be treating each other will instill pride back into our people, our young and old.”

Hamilton said when he

was young he remembered, “how we treated each other and how close we were, families would help one another. I think unity is important and as a whole we need to come together and do right by one another, being responsible as adults and grow ourselves with pride and unity.”

Hamilton wanted to clear up any confusion of rumors of officially being sworn in on Jan. 1, 2014.

“We had proper recognition and the courts were approached and they determined it was appropriate. A time back ... an opportunity arose to former Gov. Janice Boswell in a letter that was produced regarding the executive summary of the elections. It was information about the outcome, the certifications, the court cases, and it



Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey raises his right hand in an oath to serve the Cheyenne and Arapaho people on Jan. 4, 2014.

was presented to both her and I and if there were any kind of provisions that needed to be made we had an opportunity to make that happen.

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Tribes continue fight for return of land

By Evan Anderson

EL RENO, Oklahoma—A decades old fight to get back land originally taken from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes is heating up.

The farm bill now in front of congress would again strip the tribes of their land taken by the U.S. military in 1869.

The farm bill had a provision in it for the last 10 years that prohibits the tribes from getting their land back. The reason why it has become a big deal all over again is because congress is trying to re-up the provision.

“I don’t think there should be a fight at all,” said tribal member Amber Bighorse.

For The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes, it boils down to a property rights issue, a decades-old fight that is still a heated topic.

“It’s the last piece of land that was taken from us,” said Bighorse. “It was just never given back to us.”

The tribes are fighting to have language in the farm bill that re-authorizes federal take-over of the historic Indian land eliminated.

That way congress can make the decision to give the land back.

It’s 10,000 acres, roughly 15 square miles of land, larger than the city of El Reno.

“The agreement was the land would be returned to us once the government no longer needed it for military purposes,” said Bighorse.

But, that never happened. The U.S. government kept control of the land and transferred ownership over to the USDA. Right now, it’s Grazinglands Research laboratory.

“It belongs rightfully to the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes,” said Bighorse. “This was part of the land that was given to the Cheyenne-



Ft. Reno Chapel

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Arapaho people.”

Congress is expected to make a decision sometime next week on whether to pull that provision from the farm bill. The tribes are also asking for help from the White House to make that happen.

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House adopts Mullin Bill for Native American Veterans’ Memorial

WASHINGTON-The House unanimously approved legislation sponsored by Congressman Markwayne Mullin, R – Oklahoma, to allow construction of a memorial to Native American veterans on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian.

H.R. 2319 passed the House with a bipartisan vote of 398-0.

“I have heard from people I represent and from outside our district that the construction of this memorial means a great deal to Native Americans who served this nation and to their families,” Mullin said. “It is important that we properly honor these brave soldiers and tell their stories for generations to come.”

The memorial cannot be paid for with taxpayer funds, so H.R. 2319 allows for the museum to raise money for its construction. The legislation has received overwhelming support from the National Congress of American Indians and the National Museum of the American Indian.

“With the recent presentation of the Congressional gold medals to tribal code talkers, it is an appropriate time for a renewed focus and gratitude toward Native Americans who served America in our war efforts and protected our freedoms,” said S. Joe Crittenden, Deputy Chief of the Cherokee Nation and a U.S. Navy veteran from the Vietnam War. “We applaud Congress for taking the necessary steps to truly honor our warriors and the sacrifices Native families have made to defend this great country of ours.” Congressman Markwayne Mullin (R – Oklahoma)

Mullin is one of only two American Indians in Congress. The other is U.S. Rep. Tom Cole from Oklahoma’s Fourth Congressional District. Cole also cosponsored H.R. 2319.

“Throughout my life, I have always been proud of my Native American heritage,” stated Cole. “I am very pleased that the legislation brought to the floor by Congressman Mullin will help facilitate construction of a memorial honoring Native Americans who served our country on the battlefield. It is only right to recognize and remember the significant contributions of those Native American warriors who served our country on the battlefield with great skill and bravery, and there is no better place than the National Museum of the American Indian.”

Tribal leaders praised the passage of H.R. 2319 and its significance to Native Americans.

“We take great pride in the long history of Native American service in the armed forces of the United States,” said



Courtesy photo
The Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

Chickasaw Governor Bill Anoatubby. “We owe all these brave men and women a debt of gratitude for what they have done to protect our freedom and our way of life. This memorial is one way we can express our appreciation for their service and sacrifice.”

“Congressman Mullin understands how we as Native People revere our warriors,” said John L. Berrey, Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe. “His dedication to Native Americans is truly from the heart. As the Chairman of the Quapaw Tribe we are honored to have Mullin as our representative.”

“The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma applauds the passage of Representative Mullin’s bill, honoring the dedication and sacrifice of Native veterans,” said Choctaw Chief Gregory E. Pyle. “H.R. 2319 authorizes the Native American Veterans Memorial for tribal veterans from all tribes and all wars. Some of these warriors were fighting for our country before they were even recognized as American citizens. I am very pleased with the passage of this bill and very proud of all the Choctaw veterans and the many other Native soldiers who will be represented by this memorial.”

Program helps more Native Americans attend college

RAPID CITY, S.D. (AP)-When Dee LeBeau-Hein was a student at the University of South Dakota, she always hoped that one day an effort would be made to help more young Native Americans overcome the cultural and social hurdles that prevent them from attending college. And she is starting to see that dream become a reality.

LeBeau-Hein made her way from the reservation of the Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe to the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 2001, earned her master’s degree and now helps mentor other Native American students.

She helps them navigate the often overwhelming and confusing environment of college campus life, and overcome cultural issues that can cause Native Americans to skip college or give up too soon.

Her mentoring efforts could be a model for a new program that will soon be launched by the South Dakota Board of Regents to increase the number of Native Americans who attend state colleges and to help them succeed once there, the Rapid City Journal reported.

The regents recently commissioned a study on Native American attitudes toward higher education to pinpoint barriers to college attendance and graduation.

The result was a vote by the Board of Regents at their meeting in Rapid City to create a new position at their office in Pierre for a liaison who will travel to schools and reservations across the state to work with high school faculty, students and their families to encourage Native American college attendance.

Some areas of focus will include smoothing the college entrance process of testing and paperwork; applying for scholarships and financial aid; preparing for the social and cultural change of campus life; and overcoming attitudes that inhibit college attendance.

LeBeau-Hein was pleased with the concept of the new program.

“That is an answer to prayer,” she said.

Regents CEO Jack Warner said he’s disappointed that even with 70,000 Native Americans in South Dakota, making up about 10 percent of the state’s population, so few Native Americans attend state colleges. Warner said only 1 in 10 ever attempt to obtain a higher-education degree.



He said efforts to steer more Native American students toward higher education must start in high school or earlier.

“We have to decide to do something new and different,” he said. “A lot needs to happen at schools that teach Native American students.”

Warner compared the stress and angst that Native American students may feel to that of a white South Dakotan who is the first in his family to attend college, a common occurrence since only about 25 per-

cent of working-age adults in South Dakota hold college degrees.

And yet, he said, Native American students may feel even more pressure to forgo college due to other cultural pressures to conform. He said peers and family members may criticize first-time college students and Native American students alike who come home from break and use more sophisticated language, for example.

“Parents see their children come home changed, as in ‘Who does he think he is? Is he better than us now?’” Warner said.

Regents Vice President Dean Krogman said far too many Native Americans return to reservations rather than break into academia because South Dakota colleges right now do not have enough Native American students or professors on campus to make students feel comfortable.

“They go back to the reservation because there’s a safety net, or a perceived safety net,” Krogman said.

Warner said part of the new program will be to attract more Native American

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tunity to do so. She did not see a problem with it and I did not see a problem. The first sentence on the executive summary talked about the new governor and Lt. governor and that their term will begin on Jan. 1, 2014 and the summary was signed off on by the courts. We are following the Cheyenne



Lori Penner shows her support for the newly elected Cheyenne and Arapaho Gov. Rollin “Eddie” Hamilton and Lt. Gov. Cornell Sankey.

and Arapaho Constitution and we will continue to do so through out our term, just as we did today,” Hamilton said. Hamilton and Sankey agree that the change for

a brighter future will start with the 100-Day Plan. “We are going to start by implementing changes in 10 areas that are in need of improvement for our tribes. Tribal net revenues, gaming revenue allocations, education, elders, communication, constitutional amendments, economic development, veterans, enrollment and community,” Hamilton exclaimed. “We are following through with our promises, just as the people at the casinos that needed to be gone are gone, the check point systems when you drive up to the complex they are gone. We are moving along and we need to get control of what is going on at the casinos. We will expose the wrong doings and find out what our money was really doing and who was really benefiting from it. We have a plan to benefit our tribal members. I believe this is going to be a great opportune time for us to grow ... it is a new day, a new light.” Sankey expanded on Hamilton’s comments by saying he will be setting the tables right. “What I mean by that is setting up a functional government. I look forward to working with the



Newly elected Cheyenne and Arapaho legislators from l-r: Edward Mosqueda, Arapaho District 1, Alan Fletcher, Cheyenne District 2, Kyle Orange, Cheyenne District 4 and Christine Morton, Arapaho District 2, are sworn into office by Supreme Court Justice, Daniel Webber on Jan. 4, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla.

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Wear a pedometer; it will encourage you to walk the 10000 steps a day that is recommended!

Don’t substitute vitamins for nutrient rich foods. Evidence is showing the benefit of eating nutrient rich foods is the best way to get our vitamins.

Eat fish at least twice a week, preferably not fried as frying destroys nutrients.

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Drink water. Should be the drink of choice.

Get eight hours of sleep. Research

shows not getting enough sleep can cause weight gain and increase risk of heart disease.

Sugar and caffeine should be consumed in moderation; decreasing sugar increases your energy and minimizes your blood sugar spikes.

If you smoke, QUIT! Numerous benefits are seen when you quit smoking.

Don’t focus on diet, focus on eating. Don’t skip meals, don’t wait all day to eat, breakfast is important. Monitor your late night snacks.

Vary the foods on your plate and eat at least three different foods at each meal.

Healthy Tips for the New Year

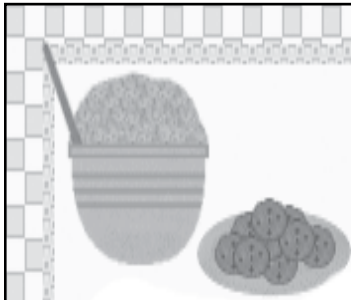
By Tara Conway, MS, RD/LD, CDE
C&A Diabetes Wellness Program

Don’t use eating as a way to satisfy your emotions. You gain more weight if you eat when you are upset as we tend to eat more.

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2 tblsp. Chili powder

1 tsp. ground cumin

½ tsp. salt

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1-16 oz. can pinto beans, drained

2-4 oz. cans diced green chiles

1 medium fresh tomato, seeded and chopped

Fresh cilantro for garnish (optional)

DIRECTIONS:

In large skillet over medium heat, cook meat until brown, stirring to crumble, drain. Return meat to skillet.

Add onion, chili powder, cumin, salt; cook until onion is tender.

Stir in rice, beans and chiles.

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Powwows & Events CALENDAR

El Reno Public Schools-Indian Education JOM and Title VII Parent Meeting
5:30-6:30 p.m., Jan. 16, 2014 in Lucas Hall, Room 23 (upstairs) in El Reno, Okla.

Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Elders’ Day Out
11 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 22, 2014. Inviting tribal elders to a movie and dinner. Register for transportation no later than Jan. 17, 2014 by call the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. program at (800) 247-4612, ext. 27570, 27585 or 32601.

Western Plains Weatherford Genealogical Society’s annual Beginner’s Workshop
9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Jan. 25, 2014 at the Cedar Schoolhouse, 520 W. Main in Weatherford, Okla. Cost of workshop is \$7, which includes lunch and supplies. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. For more information contact Elizebeth Wilson at (405) 229-8495.

The 11th annual Elder’s Conference
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Jan. 31, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact the Cheyenne and Arapaho Diabetes program at (405) 422-7723.

Memorial Dance for Alta M. Pawnee and Lisa J. Pawnee
Feb. 2, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dance at 2 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Sponsored by the grandchildren of Alta M. Pawnee and the daughters and son of Lisa J. Pawnee. The family would like to invite everyone to come eat, dance and enjoy fellowship.

BigMedicine and Hampton Birthday Honor Dance
Feb. 8, 2014 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla. Gourd dancing at 3 p.m. followed by supper at 5 p.m. Honorees are the grandchildren of James Daukei Sr., and Pauline White Tail of Watonga. Special invitation to Tribal Gifted and Talented students and tribal Sports Ambassadors, past and present. For more information call (580) 623-2218.

First Benefit and Silent Auction for the Native American Transforming Vision (NATV) Scholarship.
Feb. 8, 2014 at 23851 State Hwy. 74 in Purcell, Okla. The scholarship will be available to the children that attend the Children’s Village boarding school in Kingston, Okla. For more information contact Cassandra Factor at (940) 206-6413 or Shelly Wall at (405) 428-8121.

Oklahoma City Powwow Club Benefit Dance
Feb. 8, 2014 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. Gourd dancing begins at 2 p.m. Grand Entry at 7 p.m. Two step contest, raffles, cake walk, art and crafts. For more information contact Fran Cady (405) 329-1049 or Margaret Morgan at (405) 528-5026.

2013 OSSAA 4-A Football State Championship Victory Powwow
Feb. 9, 2014 at the Anadarko Warrior gym in Anadarko, Okla. All Gourd dance, everyone welcomed to attend.

Special Memorial Services for Paul Travis Rhodes
April 11, 2014 Peyote meeting in Clinton, Okla. Supper at 5:30 p.m.
April 12, 2014 Gourd dance at 2 p.m., supper at 5:30 p.m. at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. For more information contact Donna Martin at (918) 606-1447 or (918) 321-2654.

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Happy Birthday
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Jan. 26
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You have you grown into a handsome little man. Can’t believe you’re already 3! Hope your day is the bomb just like you son.
We love you so much. Love always momma, daddy, big sister Carlina, little sister Cayli, little brother King, grandma Lydia, grandpa Francis, auntie Desiree and uncles Will, Justin and Sean



Happy 70th Birthday
Nina Gabaldon Desbien
Jan. 23
Love your husband, Kevin Desbien



Happy Birthday
Jazmine Eaglenest
Jan. 11
From mommy, Jaimee, George and baby Joyce



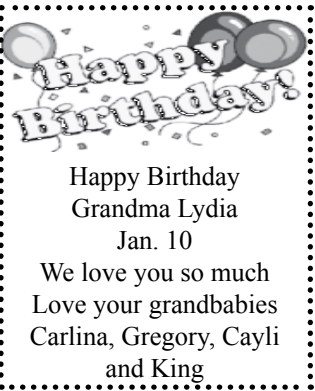
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Rufie Ellis
Feb. 1
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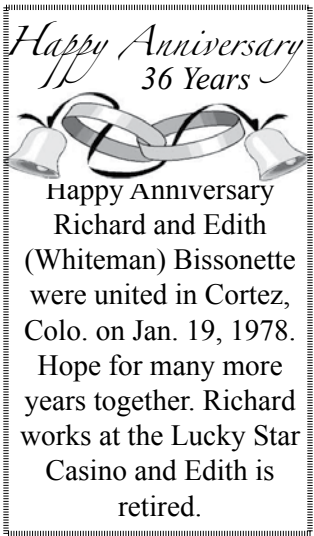
Happy 2nd Birthday
Serenity AvaLee Lowe
Daddy, mommy Cordell Xion and Jarell love you with all our hearts
BabyLove



Happy Birthday
Wilma Jan. 21 and Vergenta Jan. 28
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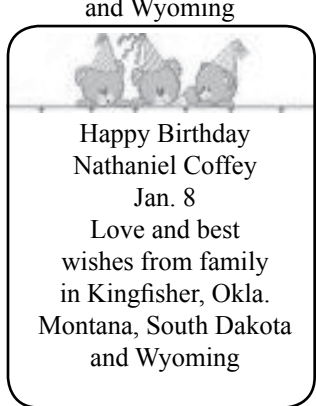
Happy Birthday
Grandma Lydia
Jan. 10
We love you so much Love your grandbabies Carlina, Gregory, Cayli and King
Happy Belated Birthday
Emmah Paige Lonebear
Jan. 4
We love you and miss you From all of you Lonebear family



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Richard and Edith (Whiteman) Bissonette were united in Cortez, Colo. on Jan. 19, 1978. Hope for many more years together. Richard works at the Lucky Star Casino and Edith is retired.
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Naleigh White Tail
Mendivil daughter of Carlos White Tail Mendivil and Keilani Tahah daughter of Christina Mendivil and granddaughters of Winnie and Spencer Mendivil participated in the San Manuel powwow in California



Happy Birthday
Nathaniel Coffey
Jan. 8
Love and best wishes from family in Kingfisher, Okla. Montana, South Dakota and Wyoming
Happy Belated Birthday
Lesley Vaughn Whiteman
Oh my God!
26 Big Ones!
Jan. 8
Big love, mom, sister and brothers



*In Memory of
Robert Bruce Lonebear
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My Dear Brother,
Day by day I think of you. How can all this be true? I can’t believe you’re really gone.
I still can’t accept it, even after so long.
Just the thought of you makes me cry. I never even got the chance to say good-bye. Every picture, every*

letter, I don’t know if it will ever get better.
I always smell your familiar scent. It makes me think of all the times we’ve spent.
So many things I never got to say, I never imagined you’d be so far away.
You were my brother, and I loved you like no other.
You’ll be my guide and help me see. This is how it has to be. I’ll never forget your soothing voice, but now I have to let you rest.
Although without you my world’s a mess, I miss you with all my heart. I wish we never had to part.
I know you’re always by my side. So for now I guess this is my goodbye.
Rest in Peace brother
Love your baby sister



*In Loving Memory
Deforest “Mock” Tallbear
Aug. 17, 1952 –
Jan. 19, 2012
If tears could build a stairway and thoughts a memory lane I’d walk right up to heaven and bring you home again. No farewell words were spoken. No time to say good-bye. You were gone before I knew it and only God knows why.*

God knows why, with chilling touch, death gathers those we love so much, and what now seems so strange and dim, will all be clear, when we meet Him. I knew you for a moment. We love and miss you dad.
Margaret and Kids
De and Jeannie and kids
Malaina and kids
Mitchell



*In Memory of
Shannon Blackwolf
Feb. 26, 1982 –
Jan. 23, 2007*

Dear son, I can only remember you in my mind now and the memories in my heart. I want you to know Shannon, that as long as I walk on this place we call Mother Earth, your memory and presence will be felt. I know this for this is the promise of our Creator God. I’ll always

remember the last time you walked in the door and it was your 24th birthday ... so happy and content with your babies so glad to see you as was everyone else. You know son it seems as though it were only recently that you left us and not a word said or a goodbye.
Your beautiful smile, your laughter ... just being so caring and loving to everyone is missed. We love you today and everyday son, God truly blessed your spirit. I am blessed to call you my son, so until we see each other again I can only remember in this way only a memory.
Love you, your mom Vida and also your children Keira and Rumel and your Supai family as well as all your family and friends



Carlina, Cayli and little GP would like to announce the birth of their little brother, King Ho 3o’ (Star) Pedro born Nov. 27, 20131 at Yukon Integris Hospital. He weighed 8lbs 12ozs and was 20-1/2 inches long.
Proud parents are Leah

Hamilton and Lawrence Pedro. Maternal grandparents are Lydia and Francis Hamilton Sr. Paternal grandparents are Lela Pedro and the late William Lee Pedro Sr.
King has many aunts, uncles and cousins. His middle name is Arapaho, from his grandpa Dale Hamilton Sr.

Legislative News

Fifth Legislature
Four Legislators were elected in 2013 to fill the seats vacated at the end of the Fourth Legislature. These Legislators are:
Alan Fletcher, District C2
Kyle Orange, District C4
Eugene Mosqueda, District A1
Christine Morton, District A2
In addition, four Legislators will continue their terms. They are:
Bruce Whiteman, District C1
Cheevers Heap of Birds, District C3
Patrick Spottedwolf, District A3
Winslow Sankey, District A4
Officers
The Fifth Legislature has selected officers to serve as Speaker and Assistant Speaker.

They are Bruce Whiteman as Speaker and Patrick Spottedwolf as Assistant Speaker. Please welcome them to these positions.
January Regular Session
The Regular Session for January was held on Saturday Jan. 11, 2014. The items considered were:
Budget Amendments
Tribal Historical Preservation Plan
Comprehensive Economic Development Plan
Amend Membership Law
Procurement and Property Law
Amend Law and Order Code to Require Tribal Membership for Marriage
New Bills
Bills placed on the Legislative Calendar

for review are:
Amend Budget
Approve contract for EMS Security
Confirmation of Executive Director for the Department of Administration
Confirmation of Executive Director for the Department of Housing Authority
Confirmation of Executive Director for the Department of Health
A Resolution to Undertake Management and Control of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority
Public Hearings
Community meetings held throughout the month will be at various locations and will usually be held on Tuesdays.
These meetings will allow community members to meet the Legislators and give

thoughts on items being considered.
Please visit the Legislative Facebook page for up to date locations or contact Legislative Clerk Ramona Tall Bear for more information.
Facebook
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Please contact your legislator or the legislative clerk for additional information. The Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tall Bear, can be reached at (405) 422-7778 or extension 27778 or you can email her at rtallbear@c-a-tribes.org.

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soon led to an Iowa judge issuing a warrant for her arrest. She is trapped between the laws of two states and fearful for her sons’ safety.
The Nebraska doctor’s report launched an extensive investigation by Iowa’s Child Protective Services (CPS). The investigation included another physical exam and interviews of social workers, teachers and others who’d interacted with the twins. The boys participated in a Telemed closed-circuit TV interview observed by social-services and law-enforcement personnel in Iowa and Nebraska. (The twins’ names, and that of their father, whose last name they bear, are being withheld to protect the children’s privacy. All official documents quoted here were obtained under Iowa law.)
Both children claimed the kicking occurred after the blind twin was discovered masturbating. He tells the interviewer that his dad had once threatened that “he’s gonna cut my privates off” for doing that. At one point, the boy begs, “Please help me. I’m scared.”
The investigation led to a determination that the father’s girlfriend caused the groin injuries, which means the abuse was “founded.” The father and girlfriend already had several

abuse and neglect determinations between them. CPS gave the twins its highest score for risk of abuse and recommended a criminal investigation.
The girlfriend has appealed the most recent abuse finding, according to Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) documents. No charges appear to have been filed against her. She claimed the boy did the damage to himself and told CPS, “I love the boys and would never do anything to hurt either one of them.”
The father said that whatever happened didn’t happen in Iowa and that the couple would appeal more of the abuse and neglect rulings. Over the years, 14 additional allegations have been investigated and dismissed, he noted.
Iowa DHS documents record a startling list of incidents at the father’s home: Among many, the father recently pressed on the wheelchair-bound twin’s nose until it bled, resulting in one of the founded-abuse determinations. On another occasion, the dad poured hot sauce down that boy’s throat while the girlfriend pressed her elbow into his neck to ensure he swallowed it. A social worker recounts watching the father smash a sandwich onto the blind boy’s forehead, purportedly

to get him to eat his lunch. The girlfriend has stuffed a cloth down one boy’s throat to silence him. Punishments include cold showers.
Social workers describe quasi-military discipline. “I’m a veteran, and I’m trying to instill values like honor, loyalty and courage in my children,” the father said. “If that’s wrong, then a lot of parents are wrong.”
Judy Yellowbank, who is Winnebago and the program director at Four Directions Community Center, likened the twins’ treatment to torture. She charged that there’s a double standard in child welfare. “Native parents would be behind bars if they had committed the child abuse and neglect that these two white caregivers have,” Yellowbank said.
Following the recent kicking incident and subsequent abuse finding, Iowa DHS recommended returning the twins to their father’s home, with the caveat that the live-in girlfriend no longer be primary caregiver. When asked how that set-up would work from a practical point of view, the father refused to answer.
One of Eby’s attorneys, Judy Freking, of LeMars, Iowa, asked, “What is
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CLASSIFIED SECTION

Employment: Submit a tribal application, resume, diploma(s), transcripts, valid copy of Oklahoma state driver’s license and a copy of CDIB to Personnel Department, P.O. Box 38, Concho, Okla. 73022 or email whaag@c-a-tribes.org.

Elder Care Director
Closing: Jan. 24, 2014

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s Degree preferred, Associate’s Degree or equivalent college hour’s acceptable if the applicant has worked with Senior Citizens or has geriatric education experience. Knowledge of various laws related to the administration of the department programs including but not limited to the HIPPA, Privacy Act, Social Security Act, etc. in order to provide decisions and recommendation for actions that can have significant impact on clients. Ability to prioritize, manage and complete multiple tasks and responsibilities wherein time management and delegation skills must be solid. Knowledge of tribal and community resources in order to refer clients to most appropriate source of assistance. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and Non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a tribally owned vehicle. Ability to work with difficult clientele with various social problems and/or needs.

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Admin. Assistant
Dept. of Administration
Closing: Jan. 27, 2014

Qualifications:
High school graduate or G.E.D. certification required with a minimum of Administrative Assistant Certification. Minimum of 3 years of administrative or clerical experience. Must have knowledge of federal and tribal regulations, reporting skills, and minimal accounting experience.

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The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Lucky Star/Feather Warrior Casino is currently seeking qualified applicants for the positions below.

Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume/employment application, CDIB to the HR Department-Watonga at 1407 S. Clarence Nash Blvd., Watonga, OK 73772

Current Lucky Star/Feather Warrior Casino employees who are interested should submit his/her resume and letter of interest to HR Department-Watonga.

For additional information, please contact HR Office at (580) 623-7333. Applications will be received until filled.

WATONGA CASINO
A Security Supervisor
and **Security Guards**
Two (2) 1st shift and five (5) 2nd shift
Vault Clerk
One (1) 1st and One (1) 2nd shifts
Cage Cashier
One (1) 1st and One (1) 2nd shifts
Players Club
flexible hours
Machine Technician
Two (2) 1st and One (1)2nd shifts

Director
Culture & Heritage Program
Closing Jan. 24, 2014

Qualifications:
Bachelor’s degree in business or Native American studies preferred, associate’s degree with at least five years experience in Cheyenne-Arapaho traditional activities will be acceptable. Minimum of three years supervisory experience. The candidate must be thoroughly familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Cheyenne-Arapaho tribes. Must be able to make decisions independently and justify all decisions made. Must be able to meet with the tribal members on an individual and group basis. Must be able to demonstrate professional conduct. Must be able to work a flexible schedule. Valid Oklahoma driver’s license. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable

Research Specialist
Enrollment Dept.
Closing: Until Filled

Qualifications:
Associate’s degree in business administration or related field preferred. Two years work experience in similar position. Knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes’ Constitution. Knowledge of general office practices. Must be able to calculate blood quantum, fractions and percentages. Extensive experience with Microsoft Office, particularly Excel. Ability to communicate effectively and work well with the general public. Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with others. Ability to maintain an extremely high level of confidentiality. Excellent reasoning skills and ability to make sound decisions with little or no supervision. May be required to work outside normal work hours. Ability to complete Notary Public certification. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.

SALARY: Negotiable



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Concho Lucky Star Casino is currently seeking qualified applicants for the positions below.

Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume/employment application, CDIB to the Lucky Star Concho Human Resources department, please call Angie Kean in Human Resources (405) 262-7612 or the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes E.O.T.S office, Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Current Lucky Star Casino employees who are interested should submit his/her resume and letter of interest to Lucky Star Concho Human Resources department.

Applications will be received until filled.

CONCHO CASINO
Two (2) **Deli** 2nd shift
Two (2) **Maintenance** all shifts
One (1) **Technician** 1st shift
Three (3) **Cashiers** 3rd shift
One (1) **Vault** 3rd shift
Two (2) **Drop Team** 1st shift
One (1) **Players Club** 2nd shift

Assistant Director
Culture & Heritage Program
Closing Jan. 24, 2014

Qualifications:
Candidate must be thoroughly familiar with the culture, history and traditions of the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes. Must be able to make decisions independently and justify all decisions made. Must be able to meet with tribal members on an individual and group basis and demonstrate professional conduct. Position requires experience in a relevant field with a minimum of two years administration office experience and/or one year of college. Must possess excellent oral, grammar and written communication skills. Candidate must be able to work with little supervision and possess the ability to make independent judgments in the execution of administrative assistant work assignments. Must be computer literate and possess knowledge of tribal government policies and procedures and applicable federal rules and regulations. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license and have dependable transportation.

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Janitor, Operations & Maintenance
Closing: Until filled

Qualifications:
High school diploma or GED certification required. One year experience in janitorial work desirable. Must know methods, materials, and equipment used in custodial work. Must have safe work habits. Must be physically fit with ability to lift up to 40 lbs. Must be able to work independently in the absence of supervision. Must pass drug and alcohol testing.

SALARY: Negotiable



The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes Clinton Lucky Star Casino is currently seeking qualified applicants for the positions below. Qualified applicants should submit his/her resume/employment application, CDIB to the Clinton Human Resources department, 10347 N 2274 Rd., Clinton, OK 73601.

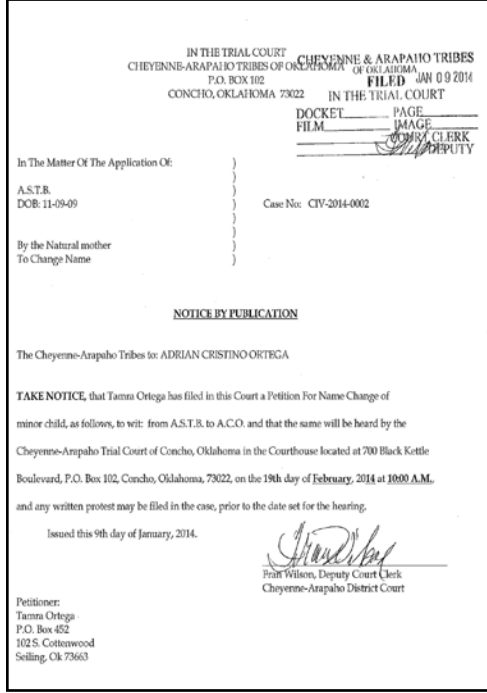
Current Lucky Star Casino employees who are interested should submit his/her resume and letter of interest to Clinton Human Resources department. For additional information, please contact Heather at the Human Resources department (580) 323-6599 Applications will be received until filled.

CLINTON CASINO
Beverage Host/Hostess
One (1) Swing Shift position, hours 4 p.m. to 12 a.m. Three (3) Overnight positions available and Four (4) positions from 8 p.m. to 1 p.m.
Black Jack Dealer
Four (4) Part-time dealers shifts will vary, training available
Drop Team
Four (4) positions available from 5 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Deli
Two (2) Deli Cooks and (1) Overnight Deli Maintenance.

Director
Crisis Assistance
Closing: Jan. 24, 2014

Qualifications:
Must possess a bachelor’s degree (social work or related field preferred) or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Must have the ability to work with high number of clients and work efficiently. Requires two years of professional related experience. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work other than normal working hours. Must have knowledge of crisis theory and interventions. Must understand the program’s goals, objective, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and the general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver’s license to operate a government and tribal owned vehicle. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/Native American cultures and values. Ability to work with difficult clientele. Tribal preference.

SALARY: Negotiable



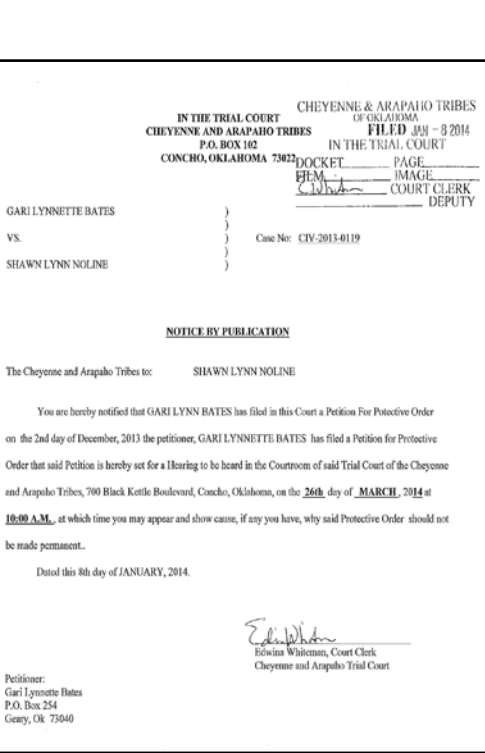
Assist. Exec. Director
Dept. of Administration
Closing: Jan. 27, 2014

Qualifications:
Must possess a bachelor’s degree from an accredited school or possess a minimum of 5 years experience with federal, state or tribal government functions. Must be willing to receive training on federal, state and tribal government contracts, grants, policies and procedures. Must have knowledge of principles and practices related to budgeting and property supply. Must have a minimum of 3 years experience in a supervisory position. Must possess a valid Oklahoma driver’s license and have dependable transportation. Must have the ability to maintain a wholesome and favorable rapport with the general public, tribal members, program directors/coordinators, tribal employees and vendors. Must be computer literate and have public speaking skills. Must be willing to work beyond normal working hours. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.

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Obituaries

In Loving Memory
Barney K. “Doc” Reynolds
Jan. 7, 2014 - Nov. 8, 1949

Barney K. “Doc” Reynolds, 64, passed away on Jan. 7, 2014 at Rapid City Regional Hospice of the Hills in Rapid City, ND. Barney was born in Clinton, Okla. on Nov. 8, 1949 to Alva and Donna (Birdshead) Reynolds.

Barney was raised in Denver, Colo. where he graduated at West Minister High School, class of 1968. He was very athletic during those years and participated in cross-country and wrestling. He earned his associates degree in Business.

Barney loved to run and bike. He also enjoyed beadwork and designed his own jewelry line. Barney served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp. from November of 1968 to November of 1970, during the Vietnam era. In the military he was a Lance Corporal and earned a Purple Heart and a Rifle Expert Badge.

He is survived by Dana Reynolds of Bismarck, ND and Quintez “Sunny” Pro-

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In Loving Memory
Brenda Lee (Blue) Whiteman
Sept. 9, 1961 - Jan. 7, 2014

A wake service was held for Brenda Lee (Blue) Whiteman on Jan. 9, 2014 at the Canton Native American Gym in Canton, Okla.

Funeral services were held on Jan. 10, 2014 at the Longdale Gym in Longdale, Okla.

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In Loving Memory
Sophia Lynn Rice
Feb. 12, 1961 - Jan. 7, 2014

Funeral Services for Sophia Lynn Rice were held on Jan. 11, 2014 at the Little Coweta Indian Baptist Church in Stidham, Okla.

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the purpose of a child-abuse investigation if, upon concluding that abuse occurred, DHS does not get involved, and DHS does not offer any services to correct the problem that led to the abuse of these boys?”

The father is determined to get the kids back, saying Iowa can provide them more services than rural Nebraska, where the Ebys’ farm is. He recently went to Iowa juvenile court, claiming that his ex-wife was keeping the boys in Nebraska because of “extreme hostility” toward his girlfriend. The judge agreed, writing in an order issued this past September, “It’s apparent this animosity has been a factor.” The judge noted the father’s claim that he had “fully and properly cared for the boys.” The order does not mention the founded abuse and neglect rulings or any criminal investigation.

In October, a district court judge issued an arrest warrant for Eby. She learned of it when it pinged into her email from the Iowa courts’ online system. “I couldn’t cry because my sons were here. I called Faron. He came home from work and sat with the boys, so I could get myself together. Faron has been such a powerful support in all this. We both want the boys living on the farm with us.”

After Eby and the boys’ biological father separated in 2003, when the boys were six, she cared for them. When they turned 12, she thought they should get to know their father. “At the time it seemed like a reasonable idea,” Eby recalled. As the problems in the father’s home mounted, she fought to get the boys back, succeeding briefly in 2011. Through all the abuse and neglect findings, Iowa DHS documents reveal, the agency’s goal has generally been to reunite the twins with their father, and the courts have concurred. He receives their social-security and other subsidies.

Attorney Freking wondered if the situation would have played out similarly if Eby had committed the abuse. LaMere has an answer, and it’s simple: No. He said that Eby’s situation is emblematic of the double standard Yellowbank described. Indian parents are expected to leap enormous hurdles to keep their kids, with no second chances and no benefit of the doubt, said LaMere.

“It does appear that Audre’y and her ex-husband

aren’t on equal footing in terms of Iowa DHS recommendations to the courts,” said Freking.

One of Audre’y Eby’s twin sons, who has cerebral palsy, receives stitches in an Iowa emergency room. The 16-year-old and his twin brother live with their father and his girlfriend. According to court records, the girlfriend sent the teen shopping alone in his wheelchair. He got lost and tipped off a curb, gashing his forehead. The incident resulted in one of several abuse and neglect findings for the father and his girlfriend.

Patterns in Indian child welfare

Recently, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services did a home study that confirmed Eby and her husband provide her twins with a good home. However, past turbulence in Eby’s life, including drug involvement as a young woman, may be why Iowa won’t grant her primary custody. “Audre’y has left those problems behind, she’s a good mother, and her home study is positive, but that’s not good enough,” said LaMere. “Many of us Native people have lived tough lives, and as far as the system is concerned, anything we’ve been involved with follows us forever. We are not allowed to grow and change.”

The phenomenon is common in Indian child welfare, LaMere continued. “I see it in meetings I attend with Native parents. The parent has solved the problem that caused the children to be taken away. Perhaps it hasn’t been an issue for years. But that’s never good enough. At one meeting, a social worker announced she’d found dirty dishes in the sink at the Native mother’s home, so she shouldn’t get her kids back. I became unglued. I stressed that the mother didn’t lose her children over dirty dishes, and they couldn’t be kept from her for this reason.”

The problem has its roots in history. Federal policy long supported forcibly assimilating Native people as a way to solve the “Indian problem.” Starting in the late 1800s, Native children were sent to government- and church-run boarding schools, where “Kill the Indian, save the child,” was the mantra. And many did die, of beatings, starvation and disease. Sexual and emotional abuse led others to commit suicide. The pervasive trauma, touch-

ing virtually every Indian family, stalks Native communities to this day.

During the mid-20th century, boarding schools were closed or turned over to the tribes, and the Indian Adoption Project took over as the assimilation mechanism. This federal program, aided by states and churches, swept about a third of Native children into non-Native homes. After hearing much testimony, Congress passed the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in 1978 in an effort to stem the social and cultural holocaust.

ICWA established Indian preferences for placement of Indian children like Eby’s sons, whether they are enrolled tribal members or eligible for enrollment. ICWA allows tribes to intervene on behalf of their children and requires “active” efforts keep Indian kids with Indian families. “Legally, that means more than ‘reasonable’ efforts,” said LaMere. “It means busting your butt to make it happen.”

In the real lives of Native people, it just doesn’t work out that way. “If you’re having any problems with the system, they’ll take your kids anytime they want,” said a Santee Sioux grandfather, whose granddaughter and grandniece died after being adopted out of his family, one at the hands of her new father and the other by drowning.

ICWA may be federal law, but its enforcement takes place county by county, according to LaMere. He described progress in applying the law in one Iowa jurisdiction, Woodbury County, with its large Native population centered in Sioux City. “I have to believe that if Audre’y’s case had been dealt with here, she would have gotten custody of her sons. However, in other parts of Iowa, and in many states, old attitudes persist about Native people.” There’s a sometimes unspoken and sometimes openly acknowledged belief that American Indians can’t or shouldn’t take care of their kids, LaMere said. Neither the Iowa DHS Native Unit, which oversees Native-related cases, nor the Rosebud Sioux Tribe responded to requests for an interview about these issues.

The Iowa courts’ seeming inability to deal evenhandedly with Native people

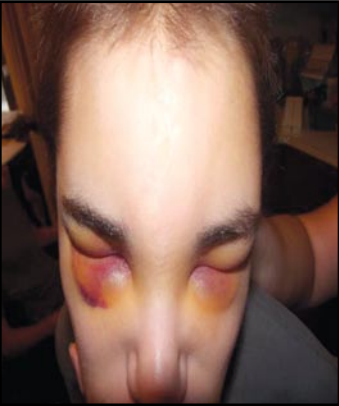


Photo courtesy Audre’y Eby

Early last year, Audre’y Eby dropped by her former spouse’s home in Iowa to visit her twin sons. She discovered that her blind child had two black eyes, and his head was swollen. The boy hadn’t seen a doctor; when he finally did, Eby recalled, the doctor said he couldn’t suggest the cause of the injuries because they were already healing.

causes ambiguities for other agencies, including law enforcement. In a phone interview, local Iowa police chief Dan Kremer, who observed the CPS Telemed interviews related to the blind twin’s ER visit, said at first that some were “out to hang” the father and his girlfriend. “Maybe they need hanging,” Kremer then added, “but so far the courts have not gone after them.” He pointed out that the situation in the home “has been going on for a long time.”

Since the twins have been on the Nebraska farm, they’ve put weight on their once-emaciated frames, and Eby has let their crewcuts grow out. “They look so handsome now!” she said. The other day, she recalled, one son told her, “I don’t feel shrunken any more.” She enjoys seeing them caught up in the rhythms of farm life. “Family comes to visit. We have real sit-down dinners with no TV, and Faron makes root beer floats on Saturday nights.”

Eby called LaMere a critical ally. “He says to focus on the good, pray and be mindful of what we have. I don’t think I’ll ever be able to express the pain of all this, but the love I can.”

LaMere sees a lesson: “The Creator sent us these two boys as teachers, to instruct us to renew our fight to keep our kids safe and our families intact.”

For Eby’s family, the future is uncertain. “Something will change, but I don’t know what,” she said. “Somehow, life has to be bearable for my boys. Is there anything else I can do?”

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faculty to state campuses to help more students feel welcome. He said Black Hills State University in Spearfish has taken positive steps in that direction and has among the state’s largest Native American student population.

Warner said Native American students who obtain degrees have “tremendous opportunities” to obtain good jobs or go on to higher levels of education.

LeBeau-Hein has seen firsthand how mentoring Native American students can open new doors.

She works with students for the Tiospaye in Science and Engineering Program at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City. The program awards needs-based scholarships and provides support academically, culturally and socially for Native American students at the school. It has gone from just a handful of students to about 30 in just a few years.

She said there are several hurdles she sees Native American students struggle to overcome when coming to school from the reservation or tribal colleges. One is the adjustment to the academic rigor and class schedules. Another is adjusting to the differences in culture.

“Sometimes it’s the financial or traveling from the reservation,” she said. “It’s a variety of life issues. Life is life, but that’s why we’re here to help them as best we can.”

In the two years she has been working with the program, she said she has seen a tremendous amount of success.

“And when they succeed, you just know they are going to make it in the world, and they are going to go back and make positive changes back home,” she said. “They want to go back and help fix the roads and clean up the water system. So those are dreams they have while they are here, and it’s so inspiring because they believe it’s possible and it’s just really exciting to see that happen.”

Sam Gingerich, vice president for academic affairs for the regents, called the seven recommendations that resulted from the study, a “grand social experiment.”

The study titled, *Like Two Different Worlds: American Indian Perspectives on College-Going in South Dakota*, interviewed about 50 Native

American undergraduate students at four public universities in the state in the fall of 2012.

It attempted to understand their feelings and experiences when it comes to the desirability of post-secondary education, expectations of the college experience, motives for attending, factors in college choice and barriers to entry.

The study overseen by Daniel Palmer, director of institutional research for the Board of Regents, found that among the major obstacles for Native American students is what the study called the “reservation effect.”

It describes the variety of challenges rooted in living in poverty. It concludes that when families must focus on meeting basic needs for food, water, clothing and shelter, it makes it difficult to think about college.

Other obstacles include financial challenges, lack of mentorship, fear of leaving home and family, fear of culture shock, fear of alienation and other barriers like failing to graduate high school, involvement in drugs and alcohol use, teen pregnancy and a lack of quality information and engagement from colleges.

One Native American student in LeBeau-Hein’s program said while he didn’t come from a reservation, he sees his fellow students struggle with some pretty deep conflicts when it comes to leaving their families.

“The family instinct is to pull back,” said Jacob Phipps, a chemistry senior at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. “Some students will leave for the weekend, and you will never see them again.”

Phipps is originally from Mesa, Ariz., but said he feels like he has become a part of a new family with his Lakota peers in the Tiospaye program, and he is especially close with LeBeau-Hein.

The word ‘Tiospaye’ translates to “extended family.” And it is that aspect that makes the program so successful, LeBeau-Hein said.

“We try to help them and receive them like we are a family, that’s why we’re so close,” the mentor said. “I’ve had students say if it wasn’t for this program they wouldn’t be here. We really try to keep that sense of home and family for them, and that does make a difference.”

Remember and respect ceremonial ways

By Matt Hamilton

My brother, Alex and I do a lot of traveling around together trying to help in any way we can.

Alex mentioned that he heard from others that we are losing respect in out tribes. I told him about writings I read from Bear Heart a Medicine Man. He stated that our creator gave us this earth to live on and for us to respect it. Our respect to our mother earth is our respect to each other. Our younger people lose respect for us because we are losing our traditions and respect for our ceremonies.

Long time ago we made offerings to mother earth so we good have good ceremonies. Maybe we could start by making a prayer with a food offering before we have a dinner at our meetings or any gatherings such as powwows, workshops, or any other events we get together for.

Before my brother Albert G. and I perform we try to smoke ourselves off, so people will understand our words and music better. We pray that we don’t mess up. Maybe it would help if our leaders were to smoke themselves off before they held a meeting to decide for our tribes future and our tribal members be smoked off as well so they will understand the words and motives of our leaders.

I notice a lot of misunderstandings at a lot of meetings and violence, if not physical with words.

I have a hard time respecting myself, an old man once told to me to forgive my enemies but that the hardest enemy to forgive is yourself, cause your worst enemy is yourself, you find respect for yourself. A lot of people don’t know how to forgive themselves, I think if you accept what you did wrong in the past and know you can change it ... that is

forgiving yourself.

If we find respect within ourselves then we might become good examples for our children. Pray with our cleansing ceremonies and offerings would be a good start for bringing respect back in to our lives.

I’m military minded and will be behind any one voted into office, as governor of our tribes.

I pray that everyone voted into leadership of our tribe have some kind of ceremonial or traditional up bringing. A leader, legislator or governor should be put into office for the good of the people and not for selfish reasons.

As medics respect for life was put in our heads and soon entered our hearts, with the passing of our patients, our hearts-my heart was hardened. I got my heart and respect for life back when I got back into our ceremonies.

A lot of my friends and family said for me to write again so I hope everyone who reads this will understand what I’m trying to say. We need respect back in our tribes and our lives for us to have a good future.

When we have earthquakes, tornados, flood and other natural disasters a lot of people are killed from man made structures. Maybe if these structure were blessed and an offering was made things would go a little better. I’m not saying they would but think about it.

I watched a program about Gothic Cathedrals that were enormous and were made in the medieval times and are still standing, I know a lot were blessed and a ceremony was performed before they were built.

Now days people just build so they can get paid, we don’t



take time to do things right. My sister Margaret said she remembered our grandfather, Roy Hamilton praying and making and offering before each of our meals and prayers were not short. Now days we think we don’t have time for prayers and offerings, we should start making time. Maybe start at our gatherings by waiting for the offering to be made. You know in your hearts what is right by your teachings.

It took me a long time to get back to our customs, my grandfather said it’s not easy being Indian. After getting back into our ceremonies I know what he meant now. I pray we all find what we are looking for or what we lost.

ATHLETES
SPOTLIGHT

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Together Everyone Achieves More

Shelbie Hulbutta, 5’9”, 17 year old basketball player plays for the El Reno High School varsity team. Manning the post position Hulbutta showcased her basketball skills when she played her first varsity game on Jan. 9, 2014 at the Warrior Classic Tournament in Anadarko, Okla.

When did you first begin playing?
I started playing basketball when I was 6 years old.

What is it about the sport that you love the best?
I love that it is a team sport.

What has been your biggest accomplishment in the sport so far?
During my eighth grade year when I played at Darlington we made it to the State playoffs.

What is your biggest accomplishment in the classroom so far?
Keeping my grades.

What are some of your goals, (sports, life, school)?
I would like to win State for the next two years and graduate from college.

What actions are you taking to reach these goals?



Practice everyday and take school more serious.

What has been the most exciting game you have played in?
Well I play my first varsity game on Thursday and I am pretty excited about that, but my favorite game that I have watched was when we played Shawnee it was very exciting and intense game. The most exciting game that I have played in was my eighth grade year at state playing against Ten Killer.

What is the best advice you have ever been given and who gave you that advice?
From my eighth grade coach, Mike Pearson, after we lost the game at state he told me to keep my head up and that even if we did win the game it would not have been the highlight of our lives, that we have many more games to play.

Who or what inspires you the most?
My mom, Linda Hulbutta, she puts everyone before herself.

What work out routine do you have for training in your sport?
I practice everyday with my team.

What are one or two things in your training, that you feel are keys to you being successful in your sport?
Do the little the things right and go hard during practice.

What is your favorite meal before or after a game?
I usually don’t eat before a game, but after a game I eat anything.

Who has had the biggest impact on your life?
I have to say my mom, she helps everyone that she can even if a person is not in the family. I am really proud of what she does, she works at the State Tribal Education Partnership (STEP) program and helps out the Indian kids with school work, but she is going to start working at the Indian Education Program at the school tomorrow.

What are some of your hobbies (what do you like to do when not playing sports)?
I play the piano.

What kinds of music do you enjoy listening to?
Country

What is one thing about you that no one else knows?



I used to be on the swim team when I lived in Weatherford.

If you could change one thing in the world, what would it be?
Making people pay taxes, I would not have anyone ever pay taxes.

What do you someday dream of doing?
Being a basketball coach.

Who is your favorite athlete of all time?
Michael Jordon

Which team is your favorite team?
Oklahoma City Thunder

What are your plans after graduating high school?
Going to college, I would like to go to Oklahoma Baptist University (OBU).

What would be your advice to younger kids coming up behind you?
To take care of their school work first.

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The great blessing and opportunity to move forward to a brighter and better day for our Cheyenne and Arapaho people is in clear site. The goals and solutions of our campaign will not go unfulfilled. Our values of “Servant Leadership, Inclusiveness, Honor and Respect” will carry into our administration. Our mentality will to put our People first.

In order to achieve to these improvements, our “First 100 Days” will consist of the following:

Communication

- Host “Shareholder” meetings in all communities to show past and current financial reports. All Tribal Members have an input for our future. We encourage all Tribal Members to use their voice to help us make positive changes.
- Develop the Treasury Report. A report has not been presented to our Tribal Members for a number of years.
- Work with the Legislative Branch—we will not financially “starve” out any elected Legislator (Representative). We can agree to disagree and will always offer a handshake before and after meetings.

Finances

- Account for finances at Tribal Complex and all casinos. Much of our resources and time are unaccounted for. Our practice will include knowing where our money is being spent. We will share that information with all Tribal Members.
- Present all finances in charts and graphs. This information will be mailed out and posted publicly for all Tribal Members.

Casinos

- Give honest transparency of revenue. There is much spending that can be reduced, so we will cut our losses to improve revenue. We are also moving in a new direction with senior management.

- Emphasis on a clean and positive environment. We want patrons, employees and tribal members to feel welcomed in our casinos. We also want people to come back to visit our casinos on a regular basis and by creating an inviting pleasurable environment, we will increase patronage at our casinos.

Work Environment

- Continue to improve customer service everyday which includes:
 - Professionalism
 - Accountability
 - Invested interest in our People
 - Treating all people with respect
 - Answering ALL phone calls
- Encourage and change employee morale. We want an environment where a person does not fear for his/her job on a daily basis. We want to reward those employees who come in on time and work hard.

Changing GRAP (Gaming Allocation Revenue Plan)

- Specify allocations of all revenue. We will communicate and work with all Tribal Members to gather input for our GRAP.
- Increase Per Capita Payments. We want to increase revenue and allocate more for our Tribal Members.

February 1, 2014 is the deadline to begin the “Shareholders” meetings. This will also be the kickoff for the Monthly Reports that include:

- Financial Reports
- Office of the Governor Report

We will not use our resources for lawyer fees and court cases to fight lengthy and wasteful legal battles. We will use resources to help our People. Our goals and solutions for a better day for our People will take time, hard work and dedication. We ask for your patience and support while we all embark on this journey.